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To the WCC member churches and  
Ecumenical partners

### **Twelve Faces of hope for justice and peace**

Dear WCC member churches and ecumenical partners:

In a time of conflict and turmoil, it is inspiring to note that the faithfilled, hope-filled work of Christians and Christian churches continues undaunted, even in the most trying of circumstances. The Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace has become a spiritual instrument of unity among Christian churches in their living witness to the larger purposes of God in the world, nurturing and lifting up the dedicated commitment of Christians everywhere to a just order and a peaceful planet.

This year presents a special occasion not only to speak out even louder against oppression and injustice in the Occupied Territories but also let the actions and insights of people there inform and engage and inspire us.

Marking the 50-year mark of the occupation of the West bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights, the WCC has launched a social media campaign in which a dozen strong voices from different religions and backgrounds in the Holy Land express their hopes for justice and peace. The campaign, which is also featured on the WCC website: [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org), also includes an exhibition that is now available to all member churches and ecumenical partners all over the world.

Attached photos will give you an idea of how the exhibition looks. The whole set-up consists of 12 framed posters accompanied by texts on the side, tapestries and a booklet. It is possible to select parts of the arrangement, so that the exhibition fits specific needs at local venues.

Depending on where the exhibition geographically takes place, the material can either be printed or produced locally in accordance with specifications, or shipped from WCC Communications.

The feedback on the 12 Faces social media campaign has been overwhelming. The exhibition version provides an opportunity to raise further awareness of the situation under occupation and convey messages of hope from people living under occupation. It is thus an important and powerful ingredient in our Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace.

A pre-launch of the exhibition was well-received at the Peace Consultations in Beit Sahour in June. The first full-scale version will be displayed at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva during the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel, 17 - 24 September. For more information: <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/world-week-of-peace-in-palestine-and-israel>

The WCC invites all member churches and ecumenical partners to join the campaign by arranging local 12 Faces exhibitions.

For more information, please contact Claus Grue, at the WCC Communications, e-mail: [claus.grue@wcc-coe.org](mailto:claus.grue@wcc-coe.org).

Hoping that you will take advantage of this opportunity, we look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Olav Fykse Tveit". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit  
General Secretary